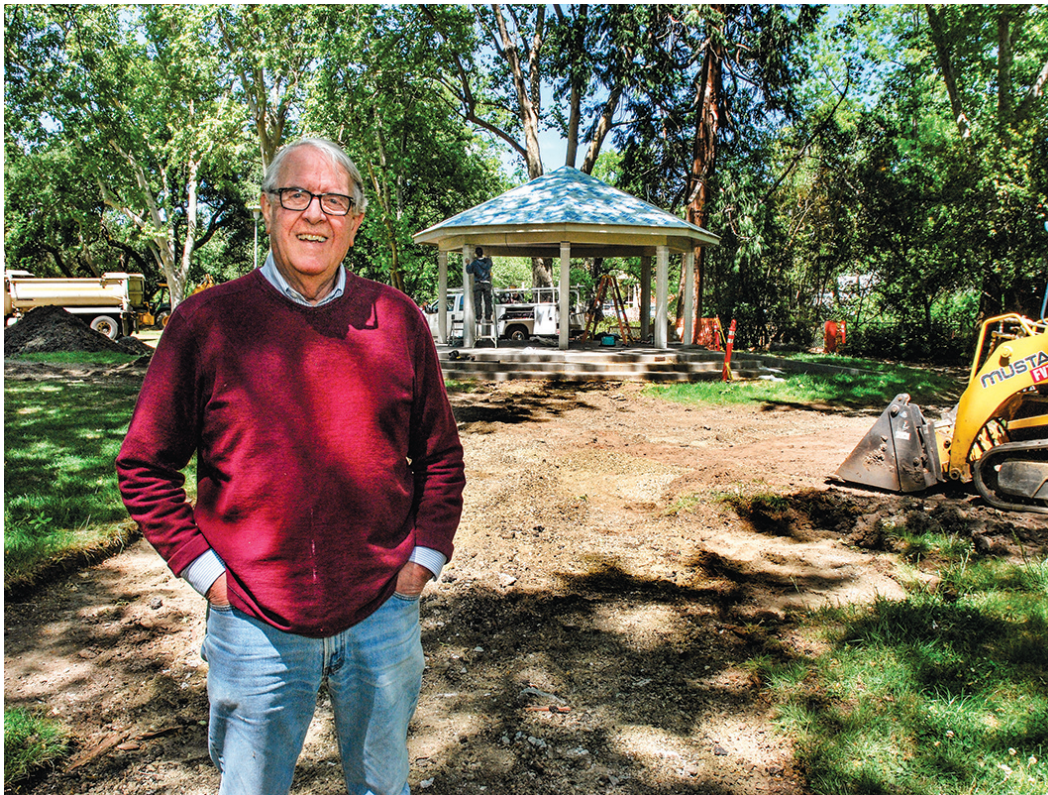


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NEW PIONEER PARK GAZEBO TAKING SHAPE



PHOTOS BY PAT HAMPTON

Friends of Pioneer Park president Bob Fiddaman says the new Pioneer Park gazebo will be finished in time for the first Concert in the Park set for Thursday, June 21.

Ready for summer concerts ...almost

By Pat Hampton

Tribune Publisher

When the band *Decades* takes the stage at 6:30 p.m. in four weeks in front of a big crowd, Bob Fiddaman will give a sigh of relief as the audience cheers both the start of a popular concert series and the completion of a new gazebo at Pioneer Park.

Fiddaman, who is president of the Friends of Pioneer Park, is spearheading a \$400,000 make-over of the Cedar Street city park that includes replacing the old gazebo with a larger one, installing new pathways, light fixtures, irrigation and landscaping.

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General contractor John Johnson (right, on ground) checks with workers Miguel Arteaga and Francisco Cortez on measurements inside the roof of the new gazebo as Bob Fiddaman watches.

District settles contracts with classified workers

■ Mediation begins May 14 with teachers union

By Pat Hampton

Tribune Publisher

As the school district readies for mediation talks with the teachers union next week, it has reached new tentative agreements with its non-teaching employees, it was announced on Wednesday.

Superintendent Esmeralda Mondragon said in a statement Wednesday afternoon that the agreements stipulate a 3 percent salary increase for 2013-14 plus a 3 percent salary increase for each of the next three years, a 12 percent salary increase over four years.

The agreements, which cover classified employees who are members of the California Schools Employees Association #555, includes no changes to the district's contribution to employee medical benefits.

At Monday's regular school board meeting, the union's proposal was "sunshined" and revealed a 7 percent salary increase request and 80 percent coverage of medical benefits for the employee and dependents.

Two days later, the union and district had bridged its differences and settled on a four-year contract. The union represents clerical, custodial, maintenance, drivers, food service and classroom support staff.

The agreements will now be submitted to union members for a vote and presented to school board trustees for their official approval.

Meanwhile, the district and Calistoga Teachers Union (CAT) failed to come to an agreement

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1226 Washington restaurant sold

■ Solage will take over business May 17

By Pat Hampton

Tribune Publisher

Owners of the 1226 Washington restaurant have sold the business and property to Solage Calistoga, which will remodel the buildings and open a new eatery in its place next year.

Jennifer Tisa, co-owner with her husband Stan Spavold, confirmed Wednesday that the property had been sold five months after the couple opened it.

"We're very fast learners," Tisa said by phone on Wednesday. "We knew it was eventually going to

lead to a divorce or heavy drinking. It was time to let it go."

They purchased the property last May and spent months upgrading and remodeling the space that had been vacant for five years after the Wappo Bar & Bistro closed in 2008.

The sale was posted on the restaurant's Facebook page early Wednesday morning, and immediately elicited comments of support and understanding.

Chef Brandon Sharp and his

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New program offers financing help for energy efficiency projects

■ Homeowners can repay loan on property tax bill

By Kristie M. Hendricks

Tribune Contributor

The Calistoga City Council has agreed to participate in the Home Energy Renovation Opportunity (HERO) program that will allow residents to finance energy and water saving home improvement projects on their property tax bill.

According to planning director Lynn Goldberg, owners of single-family homes in the city have shown an interest in such a program after the Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) Program was adopted for multi-family, commercial and industrial properties.

HERO's community develop-

ment manager Liza Gray, said implementation of the program has been underway and the proposed launch for the City of Calistoga is early June. Applications from residents will be accepted after the launch.

With the council's Jan. 21 adoption of the program, the entire incorporated area of Calistoga is now within the HERO program's boundaries.

Repayment of any project's financing will be a line item on the homeowner's property tax bill rather than an upfront cost. Interest paid on the principal balance is tax deductible. By allowing energy and water conservation home improvements to be financed, these improvements will be available to more residents. The minimum assessment amount is \$5,000; the maximum is 10 percent of the val-

ue of the property.

Property owners sign contractual assessment agreements, and agree to repay the amount financed over a 5-, 10-, 15-, 20-, or 25-year period, depending on the type of property, the financing amount, and the expected useful lifetime of the installed eligible products, ac-

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NEWS IN BRIEF

100th birthday party for Petrified Forest

A two-day celebration will honor

the 100th anniversary of the Petrified Forest attraction on Petrified Forest Road on May 17 and 18, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Featuring guided tours, music, food for purchase, and historic momentos, Saturday's events, which are free to the public, includes a noon-time dedication for a new walking trail by Mayor Chris Canning.

The Saturday celebration from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. will be free of charge, but the Sunday festivities will cost \$10 for adults, \$9 for seniors (62+) and juniors (12-17) and \$5 for children (6-11).

Ollie Orre Bockee, 36, of San Francisco purchased the Petrified Forest in 1914 with the goal of expanding and preserving the park for future generations. 2014 marks the 100th anniversary of the family's stewardship of the property.

Volunteer tutors needed at library

The Napa County Library is celebrating its 30th anniversary of adult literacy programs, which has helped thousands of local residents improve their reading and writing skills, and is looking for new volunteers.

Volunteer tutors work once or twice a week to help an adult learner reach important goals.

Prior experience is not required; the Literacy Center will train you to work with an adult learner. The training is free and qualifies volunteers to tutor in the program.

'Dolls and Their Stories'



Join the Sharpsteen Museum tonight in celebrating a special exhibit, "Dolls and Their Stories."

This exhibit includes dolls paired with accompanying storybooks dating back as far as the mid-1800s through the 1950s.

Open to the public, the preview party and reception is May 9 from 5:30 – 7 p.m. at the museum. Wine and appetizers will be served.


CHS student art newest show at CAC

"Us by Us - Self Portraits" by local high school students is the newest art show at the Calistoga Art Center.

Student art works will be displayed at the Calistoga Art Center Wednesday, May 21 at 6:30 p.m. at the Calistoga Art Center 1435 North Oak Street.

The works are made by Calistoga High School Students from ELD, AVID and Spanish 4 classes in a project-based learning program, in collaboration with Sharie Renault and the Calistoga Art Center. In this exhibition students sought answers to questions about their perceptions of themselves and of their life experience.


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Weather Forecast May 10-15

Day	Sunrise	Sunset	High	Low	Chance of Rain
Sat., May 10	6:03 a.m.	8:11 p.m.	74	49	0%
Sun., May 11	6:02 a.m.	8:12 p.m.	83	53	0%
Mon., May 12	6:01 a.m.	8:13 p.m.	89	57	0%
Tues., May 13	6:00 a.m.	8:13 p.m.	94	60	0%
Wed., May 14	5:59 a.m.	8:14 p.m.	95	61	0%
Thurs., May 15	5:59 a.m.	8:15 p.m.	91	55	0%


PREDICTIONS FOR THE DAYS AHEAD:




Saturday
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Sunday
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Monday
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Tuesday
Sunny

Rainfall this week: 0" (Wednesday to Tuesday)
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Calistoga News

Kenefick Ranch welcomes ‘Afternoon in the Vineyards’

By Tony Poer
Tribune Contributor

There are many intriguing stories of how certain Napa Valley vineyards and wineries got their starts. For Calistoga’s Kenefick Ranch, it was the rather simple matter of a coin flip.

In the late 1970s, Dr. Tom Kenefick was practicing pediatric neurosurgery in San Francisco and, at the same time, successfully developing a Calistoga vineyard with an investment partner. When their business arrangement fizzled, the two men agreed on a price and then let heads or tails decide who would buy out the other. Kenefick lost in that decision.

While he may have made the wrong call when the coin was in the air, it’s pretty clear today that the good doctor came out ahead in the deal.

“Tom ended up selling the vineyard, and he came down here and started buying this property,” said Peter Kenefick, leading a group of visitors on a tour through his family’s sloping, picturesque vineyard on Pickett Road near the foot of the Palisades Mountains.

He motioned in a wide arc and towards the peaks looming to the east. “Since the late 70s, he’s built up 125 producing acres and 300 acres overall. Our property goes all the way up through the tree line.”

Peter, who is Tom Kenefick’s nephew, was hosting the visitors as part of the 14th annual Afternoon in the Vineyards, a community open house held on the first Saturday this month. The events at Kenefick Ranch and five other vineyards around the Valley were organized jointly by the Napa Valley Grapegrowers and Napa Valley Vintners.

County residents, according to the Napa Valley Grapegrowers’ Program Director, Sonya DeLuca, were invited to Afternoon in the Vineyards through a variety of means, from direct-mailed postcards (60,000 of them), to newspaper ads, hand-delivered invitations, and, of course, social media.

DeLuca greeted visitors at the top of the ranch’s driveway from under the shade of an event tent, helped out by Tom Kenefick’s executive assistant, Deborah Chambers.

Groups continued to arrive at Kenefick Ranch throughout the afternoon, showing up mainly in twos and threes. Peter Kenefick took them out in larger groups of eight to ten, trailed by Leon Garcia, a second generation member of the family that has farmed the Kenefick vines since Tom planted them 35 years ago.

Erick Dodd, the vineyard manager, led his own tours up and down the rows of vines. “I’ve never participated in the event be-



Peter Kenefick talks to a pair of visitors during Saturday’s ‘Afternoon in the Vineyards’ open house at Kenefick Ranch on Rosedale Road. Several hundred visitors took time out on a sunny Saturday to explore the Calistoga winery.

PHOTO BY TONY POER

grow grapes in the Northwest and is a former owner of the established Idaho winery, Ste. Chapelle. The low-key retiree sported a baseball cap from another winery down the road and shared some informed thoughts on the event.

“It’s great to do this,” he said. “I thought it was informative and basic and

fore, and this is Kenefick Ranch’s first time to participate, too, but it’s about what we expected. I think there’s been a couple hundred people and a good turnout. There are a lot of locals. I’m impressed with it. The last group I went out with, everybody but two was from Calistoga.”

Having worked in viticulture since 2001, the Washington State native appreciates the grape-growing scene Up Valley. “Calistoga has great diversity, which I think is probably one of its best assets, both in soil and location.”

“This neighborhood in general in my opinion is Calistoga’s sweet

spot,” he added, ticking off a few respected names. “Araujo, Kenefick, Fleming, and the Fredianis, who are another family over here, there are some great properties. This location is pretty much the top.”

One attendee, Bill Broich, divides his time between Calistoga and Dodd’s home state of Washington. He used to

entry-level and gave everybody a chance to understand how the vines are grown, things that most people who aren’t farmers wouldn’t know. I’ve been a grape farmer for years and years, so it’s nice to see other people doing it.”

“As long as there is a Kenefick here,” Peter told his guests among the vines, “this is what you’re going to see. If you drive on Silverado Trail, you’re not going to see ‘McMansions.’ You’re going to see this beautiful view. We’re going to leave it as it is. We’re farmers, and we’re going to keep it as farmers.”



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Perspectives

Quote of Note:
"God could not be everywhere, and therefore he made mothers."
RUDYARD KIPLING, AUTHOR

This 'n That

Pat Hampton
Tribune Publisher



You can tell it's Spring again

It comes every year, that Spring bloom when things start scurrying around and Developments unfold. This week's list included the sale of 1226 Washington to Solage Resorts, just five months after it opened. Jennifer Tisa and husband Stan Spavold wisely determined the stress to their marriage was not worth continuing the food venture. Is Brandon Sharp, the talented Solage executive chef, beginning to build his upvalley empire like Thomas Keller did in Yountville in the 1990s? Solbar, the award-winning restaurant at Solage, Calistoga, has been awarded a Michelin Star for five consecutive years. Brandon's other restaurants include Archetype in St. Helena, which opened in September (the site of the former French Blue), where his chef de cuisine, Ryder Zetts, is now the chef.

Brandon's newest venture is expected to be open sometime in 2015. Meanwhile, go and enjoy 1226 Washington for the next week, and say goodbye to Jennifer and Stan and tell them we're glad they're staying in town and not moving back to Nova Scotia!

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Walked around town to find out if anything else was happening when I wandered over to Pioneer Park and talked with Bob Fiddaman about the new gazebo. It's coming along nicely, and he promises it'll be ready for the Concerts in the Park come June. No pressure Bob, but talking with Olivia Lemen at the city rec office where reservations are made, there are at least five weddings scheduled for the lovely park between July and October. Olivia says there are so few reasonably priced venues in the valley that Pioneer Park is an attractive alternative to weddings, rehearsals, and reunions.

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Loyal subscriber Paul Constantino from Burlingame was in a very good mood when he called to say hello last week. I was out, but a note on my desk shared this good-natured joke from Paul: "How do you make seven an even number?" Answer: Take away the s. Yep, gotta admit, it's a smile-maker. Paul also suggested printing tips from readers on how they conserve water. So if you are doing something that everyone else can benefit from, send it in to editor@calistogatribune.com. We still shower with a five-gallon white bucket to catch the cold water as we wait for the hot water to reach the back bathroom. Works really well for watering the pots on the porch and back steps. I'm so used to the bucket I'm thinking of naming it Betty Bucket, like Tom Hanks named his volleyball Wilson in the movie *Castaway*...

CORRECTION / CLARIFICATION

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LETTERS FROM OUR READERS

Dillon is lone voice for rural Napa County

Dear Editor,

After attending a recent candidates forum, here are just a few reasons why we continue to support Diane Dillon for Supervisor.

1. As the population of Napa County continues to expand in the south, the supervisor from District 3 (extending from Pope Valley, Angwin and Calistoga to Yountville and northeast Napa) is increasingly the sole representation on the Board for rural Napa County. Diane is a Napa native and has 11 years experience on the Board. Her extensive knowledge of rural Napa are essential to those of us living in the district. She has chaired and continues to be Napa County's representative on California's League of Rural Counties. Her role makes her an authoritative voice on the chal-

lenges of rural communities.

2. Diane has supported the Ag Preserve since its inception and was instrumental in passing both Measure J and P. With the Ag Preserve in place our wine industry and tourist industries have both flourished. She understands the delicate balance between the two, the complexity of our housing and traffic issues, and is engaged in developing solutions.

3. Diane has been key to improving social services for seniors in the district. She understands that County services are stretched thin and that growing demand in Napa and American Canyon make it harder for those in the rural areas to get the attention we need and deserve. She has made it a priority to ensure that we get our fair share and successfully works with our community leaders and nonprofits to find creative ways to improve the lives of seniors.

4. Diane has established good con-

nections in Washington DC. With the Mishewal-Wappo Tribe from Alexander Valley making a play to gain recognition in Napa County in order to build a Casino here, Diane has used these connections to make sure that the application receives the highest scrutiny. Her efforts have garnered praise from fellow supervisors and from Congressman Mike Thompson.

Diane's opponent says "it's time for a change." Well, times are changing and when they do we need thoughtful, knowledgeable, hard working, effective leadership. This is not a time to vote in an affable new comer whose strongest ties are to the larger cities in the south. We are lucky to have Diane's careful competent voice and should keep her in place. We urge you to join us in voting for Diane Dillon for Supervisor on June 6.

*Dawnine & Bill Dyer
Calistoga*

Mom, because of you... by Barb Herrmann

I feel inspired

You encouraged creativity by sharing your enjoyment of musicals with us kids. You smiled fondly watching us "wash that man right out of my hair;" and sing "matchmaker, matchmaker, make me a match;" and chase Oliver as he dared to ask "please sir, may I have some more;" and listed our favorite things as "raindrops on roses and whiskers on kittens."



The world is full of wonders

You beckoned the family to the window day after day to watch the glorious sunsets on the Mississippi River. When a girl sees wonder from her own living room, she knows how to find it in the world.

I still believe in miracles

You never give up hope, and I follow your unfailing example in this regard. There is always hope. This realization, this belief, this certainty IS the miracle.

I know kindness

I remember sitting at an oilcloth-covered kitchen table watching you twist an elderly neighbor's thin hair in perm rods. She didn't have enough money (or enough hair!) for a trip to the beauty shop, but you helped her from the goodness of your heart. The only reward you needed was to see her smile when she looked in the mirror and patted her poofy new hairdo.

I find beauty everywhere

As well as an appreciation for the beauty of people, nature, and music, you taught me to value the beauty of things like a rainy day, alone time, contentment, and peaceful solitude.

I dream bigger

Each Friday you sent me to school with money to buy savings stamps for "when you go to college." From first grade on, I knew there was a bigger world out there and I would

get to be a part of it. You made me realize I didn't need to be afraid of it and that I should embrace it..

I know true grace

In late November of 1963, you told me to pay attention to Jackie Kennedy because she was handling the tragedy of her husband's assassination with such strength and grace. You admired her stoic elegance and class. But I didn't need the First Lady as a role model because I had you...a classy woman in every way.

I feel supported

Whether it was gathering necessary materials for an elementary school project, finding the perfect prom dress, stocking the refrigerator with grapefruit for a weight loss effort, or crucial financial and moral support during college, you have always been there for me --- and you still are.

Age is just a number

I watched you do Jack LaLane when you were 35 and physical therapy following hip replacement surgery when you were 85...with the same enthusiasm. I've had no trauma with milestone birthdays because you're 22 years ahead of me making 60, 70, and 80 look darn good.

I know unconditional love

I can be honest with you, admit my short-comings, and I don't have to hide the darker parts of me. You will love me regardless. I've never doubted it.

I welcome tomorrow

Each decade of my life has been better than the one preceding it because you taught me how to have a positive outlook. From you I learned that a person's attitude is a choice.

I am me

So much of who I am is a direct result of your influence: my dependability, my penchant for planning, my organizational skills, my attention to detail, my desire to please, my zest for life, my eye for style, my love of learning, my interest in travel, my ability to recognize the abundant blessings in my life and be truly grateful for them.



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GAZEBO

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Fiddaman said he decided to close off access to the main part of the park this week because of the work taking place. Blakeley Construction crews are scooping up the asphalt walkways and moving light fixtures. Fiddaman wants to keep visitors away from the construction site, but still offer access to the playground and bathrooms. “I’m just thrilled with the way it’s turned out,” he said. “So far, so good.”

Fiddaman and his group received permission from the city council to conceive and implement a new plan for Pioneer Park in January 2013, initially raising \$100,000 for a new gazebo.

The gazebo will be located in the current position on a concrete foundation and will increase in diameter by six feet. This will result in a 300 square foot structure with a surrounding pad, in all totalling over 400 square feet of functional space. Benches will be built in on two sides and ADA access will be available from two sides.

The non-profit group formed to raise money for the renovation of the park broke ground on Feb. 1 with the deadline of finishing the gazebo by the first chamber of commerce sponsored Concert in the Park on June 19.

Fiddaman says the gazebo will be finished in time, but the new lawn seating area won’t be installed until the drought is over. Until then, straw will be spread on the ground for spectators.

CJUSD

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over a new contract and announced an impasse. A state mediator is scheduled to meet with both sides on Wednesday, May 14 at 10 a.m. at the district office.

Trustees proposed a three percent increase in the salary schedule for certificated teachers, retroactive to July 1, 2013. A comparison of teacher salaries in six Napa County school districts, shows the beginning teacher salary in Calistoga is \$58,173, second only to St. Helena’s \$59,577 but ahead of Howell Mountain’s \$53,137

and Pope Valley’s \$54,260 starting pay. Calistoga’s top salary step maxes out at \$101,031 without the cost of benefits.

Union members countered that teachers, who have a cap of \$614 a month paid towards medical benefits, should be fully covered as well as their dependants. Teachers are also asking the district to at least pay the \$52 increase to their health insurance premium, which the district said would cost the district \$24,336.

Teacher Ivan Miller has also pointed out that the district was projecting to receive a five percent increase in revenues, but was only offering a three percent raise.

Calistoga News



Fourth grader Bella Meek (left) tries on her new bike helmet as does Francisco Arias (above).

Head’s up

For the seventh year, Rotary Club members handed out free bike helmets to 72 fourth grade students at Calistoga Elementary School on Monday.

Rotarian John Fouts of Mountain Home Ranch funds the project.

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Teachers are asking for two prep periods a day at the junior/senior high school and a reduction of class periods from six periods to five a day. A prep period, where the teacher is given time to work on classroom readiness, is about a 52-minute period at the high school and 45-minutes at the elementary school.

Terry Malvino, district director of business services, said the cost to implement the union’s proposed increased prep time, which would require hiring more staff, would add an annual cost of \$535,308 to the districts budget based on the need to hire six additional teachers to cover the prep periods.

team will open a new concept in the space in 2015, Tisa said.

She said they will remain in Calistoga full-time. They bought a home here in August 2012 and in 2013 made bids for the restaurant space as well as the old Francis House, known as the old hospital. They decided to concentrate on the restaurant business, which was new to both of them.

“Just getting to know this community was worth it,” Tisa said.

Spavold, a Halifax, Nova Scotia businessman, is executive

vice president of Clearwater Seafood, the largest shell fish harvester and processor in the world. Previously he worked for McCain Foods, a multi-billion frozen food empire. Tisa, from Wyoming, worked at Merryvale Vineyards from 2002-2005.

“Please join us over the next two weeks to celebrate our accomplishments,” Tisa invited. “Our enthusiasm will remain strong all the way until we close the iron gate.”

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We are asking all residents to please check their property for any standing water. If you need assistance contact Napa County Mosquito Abatement District.

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NAPA COUNTY REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT ADVISORY COMMITTEE will evaluate the District's track record since its establishment by the voters in 2006 and to recommend next steps and initiatives for the District.

The specific tasks the Napa County Regional Park and Open Space District Advisory Committee will be asked to perform include: Review the progress and financial history of the District since its formation in 2007, including projects and programs undertaken.

REQUIREMENTS
Committee nominees should reside in Calistoga.

APPLICATIONS
Applications may be obtained from the City Clerk's Department, 1232 Washington Street, Calistoga or they can be downloaded from the City's website at www.ci.calistoga.ca.us. Applications will be accepted until 4 p.m. on May 26, 2014. For additional information, contact the City Clerk's Office at (707) 942-2805.

Dated: May 6, 2014
Kathy Flamson
Deputy City Clerk
Pub: May 9, 2014

Indoors, Outdoors &
Garden
Page



Getting Down & Dirty
news for gardeners

Bloomin’ Backyards garden tour in June

The Sonoma County Master Gardeners’ biannual garden tour takes place on June 8 this year. Five interesting and diverse gardens comprise this year’s tour. Tours start at any of the five locations. The gardens will be open from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tickets are \$35 in advance, \$40 at the gate. Go to www.sonomamastergardeners.org for information on garden locations and contents.



Annual Mother’s Day plant sale on Sunday

Luther Burbank Home & Gardens is holding its annual Mother’s Day Plant Sale on Sunday, May 11 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tomatoes, herbs, Shasta daisies and many other choices on hand.

Volunteers are making corsages and will be giving them away. The gardens are in full flower - roses, poppies, daisies and more at the corner of Santa Rosa and Sonoma Avenues in Santa Rosa.



Summer Pruning & Espalier

Join the Napa County Master Gardeners at 9:30 a.m. on the second Friday of the month at the east end of the St. Helena Farmers’ Market for a mini workshop: Today’s lesson is “Waterwise Gardening,” go again on June 13 for “Pests & Snails? Oh, my!”

Gardening with less water

Be selective, plant two beds of vegetables instead of six

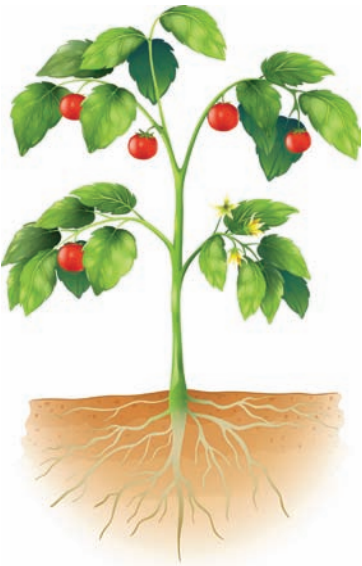
When facing serious drought, we can be water-wise and successful growing a food garden.

In a normal year, this area has over 30 inches of rainfall. Some of this is stored in the soil for plants to use in the spring as the weather warms up and growth begins. Gardeners use this “bank” of available water to dry farm. In concurrent years of low rainfall or during severe drought, dry farming will not be an option.

The first step in deciding to have a food garden is to determine if extra water beyond basic household needs of cooking, bathing, etc. is available. This includes rain collection systems as well as captured tap or well water.

Captured water is uncontaminated water that does not enter the drain such as a bowl of water used to rinse fruits and vegetables or buckets used to capture water while the shower warms up.

Graywater is untreated waste water that has not been contaminated by toilet discharge. This can include waste water from your washing machine and bathtubs. Graywater is an option for irrigating your ornamentals. But it should not be used to water root vegetables or any vegetables



whose plant parts come into contact with the soil. This is due to the potential that human pathogens might be present.

The county water agency indicates that graywater used for fruit tree irrigation is safe. Even then, you must be careful about not using household products that add salt, boron or chlorine bleach to the soil.

Be selective. Consider the water available to support crops through harvest, and grow only the amount and types of vegeta-

bles the family will consume.

For example, plant two beds of vegetables instead of six; plant four tomatoes instead of ten. To get the most out of the water you apply, grow high yielding vegetables like beans, chard, mustard, eggplants, peppers, tomatoes, squash, quinoa and amaranth.

After deciding what to grow, choose varieties that tolerate dry conditions. Look for the terms “drought-resistant” or “drought-tolerant” in seed catalogs or on plant labels. Even these varieties require water. Some water is needed to start seeds or establish a seedling, and to periodically irrigate the plant through the growing season. Selecting varieties that are described as “widely-adapted” in addition to drought-resistant and drought-tolerant also may be helpful.

Weeds compete for water. Be aggressive in removing them from growing areas.

Use a soil moisture meter. Or squeeze the soil in your hand: if it sticks together, it is still moist; if it is crumbly and falls apart, it is time to water.

Plant heat-sensitive vegetables underneath or behind taller plants or consider using shade cloth.

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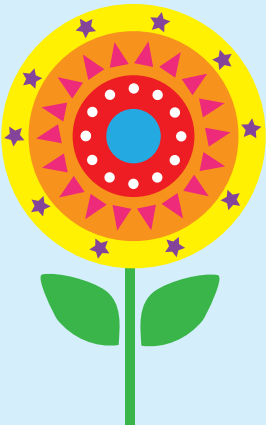
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HERO
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cording Goldberg. An assessment lien is recorded on the property to secure the financing.

Projects eligible under the HERO program according to Goldberg's report include:

- **Water Conservation/Efficiency** - Covers a wide range of water-conserving fixtures, such as low-flow toilets, low-flow shower heads, and irrigation controllers.
- **Energy Efficiency** - Covers a wide range of energy-efficiency fixtures such as windows and doors, attic insulation, and HVAC equipment that are EnergyStar-rated.

• **Renewable Energy** - Includes solar photovoltaic or solar thermal systems that provide for solar energy generation and solar hot water systems, respectively. Small wind turbines, fuel cell systems or geothermal systems may also be eligible under this category.

Mobile homes and manufactured homes are eligible only if the homes are permanently attached to real property, and if the mobile/manufactured home owner also owns the underlying land and pay real property taxes (not DMV fees), Goldberg's report states.

According to the HERO website, projects funded with this program must use contractors registered with HERO, or a property owner who has signed a Self-Install Agreement may install HERO financed eligible products.

In an interview, Gray emphasized that "HERO is a contractor driven program that provides communities an affordable and safe way for property owners to invest in energy- and water-saving improvements."

In the beginning of working with a new community, HERO contractor support teams will offer training, ensure the contractors understand how to use HERO financing and are aware of the support and tools available to them. Contractors can also ask questions and start the certification process using the website: heroprogram.com.

The City of Calistoga recognized in the January staff report that the HERO program saves the City of Calistoga time and resources by creating its own financing program.

Because of HERO's success, it has been adopted in many communities as an alternative to jurisdictions creating stand-alone funding programs.

Citizens will soon be able to participate in the program for home improvements addressing water conservation and efficiency, energy efficiency, renewable energy, and custom projects.

Property owners can use HERO to fund more than one project. The staff report suggests potential benefits for residents and the city include more local jobs, increased eligibility, higher home values, and savings on utility bills.

How to Apply online: herofinancing.com/Apply or call 855-HERO-411 (855-437-6411).

Community News

Kudos!



Paula Brumfield and Christopher Myers will wed in August.

Brumfield-Myers

Paula Marie Brumfield, 32, and Christopher Allen Myers, 41, both of Prinville, Ore., have announced their engagement with a wedding in August at the Wiles Ranch in Prinville.

Brumfield, was raised in Calistoga by her parents Jim and Charline Brumfield, now of Bend, Ore., who were former operators of the Village Green Cafe (now Cafe Sarafornia). Paula is a graduate of St. Helena High School, Class of 2000. She currently works as a veterinary assistant in Bend, Ore.

Christopher is a 1992 graduate of Oregon High School in Philometh, Ore., and is the son of Shelly and Patricia Myers. Christopher works in excavation construction and creek restoration.

Joan Martens

Her cartooning skills once again garnered Calistoga resident Joan Martens recognition at the California Newspaper Publishers Association's Better Newspaper Contest on Saturday.

Joan took first place in Editorial Cartoons for weeklies 4,300 in circulation and under. She draws cartoons for the St. Helena Star.

Noah Hampton-Asmus and Diane Henry

The 10-part series "A Conversation About Calistoga/Can We Talk" spearheaded by Noah Hampton-Asmus and Diane Henry

last summer, earned the Calistoga Tribune duo a first place in Enterprise Reporting for weeklies with a circulation of 4,300 and under on Saturday.

The recognition came from a peer review of entries for the 2013 Better Newspaper Contest sponsored by the California Newspaper Publishers Association.

Almost 500 awards were announced at the convention awards luncheon that applauded outstanding works from newspapers as large as the LA Times and as small as the Calistoga Tribune.

Hampton-Asmus will be attending California State University at Monterey Bay in the fall.



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by Yvonne Henry

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Last week's
mystery photo

Last week's Mystery Photo was
the Patio sign at the entrance to
the Calistoga Inn & Brewery's
outdoor dining area. It was
guessed by Alan Rogers.



Calistoga Fun

TRIBUNE WORDSEARCH CHALLENGE

Mother's Day

HONORING THE MOMS OF OUR LIVES

See if you can find the words we
connect with the holiday in this
week's puzzle. Answers can be
across, up, down, diagonal and
backwards.

3 Letters
DAY
MAY
SON

4 Letters
LOVE

5 Letters
CARDS
ENJOY
GIFTS
HAPPY
HEART
HONOR
RELAX

6 Letters
BRUNCH
MOTHER
SECOND
SPRING
SUNDAY
SWEETS

7 Letters
FLOWERS
HOLIDAY

8 Letters
BLESSING
DAUGHTER
MEMORIAL
PASTRIES
PRESENTS

9 Letters
CELEBRATE
CHOCOLATE
TRADITION

Y S R N T S E C O N D R O N O H D A Y L
R T N C I B P N M I C A M E M O R I A L
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10 Letters
ANNA JARVIS

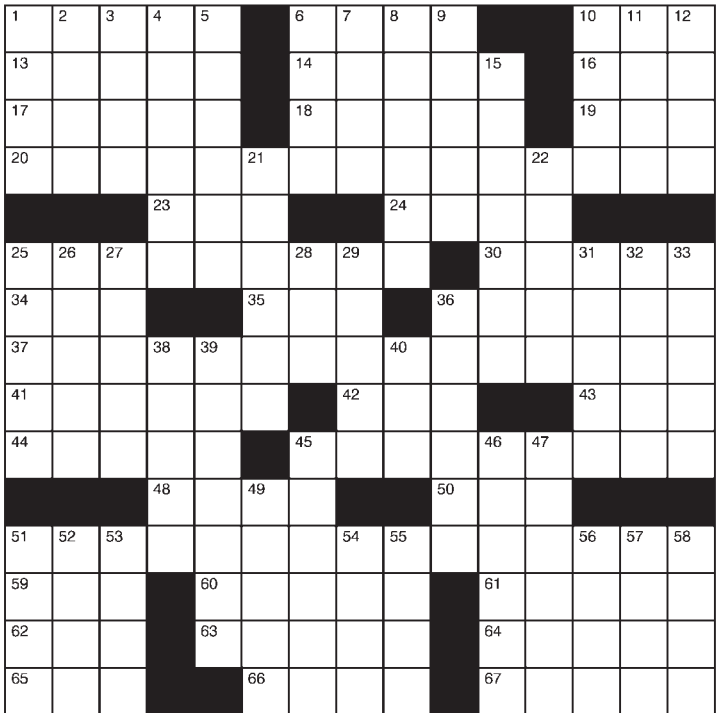
11 Letters
REMEMBRANCE

13 Letters
INTERNATIONAL



Calistoga Tribune's Space 102 Crossword Puzzle

FOLLOW UP



COPLEY NEWS SERVICE

By Charles Preston

ACROSS

- 1 March
6 Annexes
10 Deal with a mosquito, e.g.
13 Inferior pad
14 "Air Music" composer
16 Number "for the money"
17 One run will ____ stocking
18 Moslem decree
19 Abner or Diamond
20 One followers
23 Golly!
24 Asian ox
25 Stands
30 Published junk
34 Egg: prefix
35 Actress Basinger
36 Fine music-maker, for short
37 Two followers
41 Registers
42 Musician's need
43 Asian holiday
44 Plow inventor
45 Captors
48 Seized, in Scotland

- 50 MacDonald's last words
51 Three followers
59 Is ____ bird?
60 British fish baskets
61 Unable to keep a secret?
62 Rolls, e.g.
63 Warehouse
64 Producing goose-bumps
65 Wind up
66 Ogled, probably
67 Enjoys popularity

DOWN

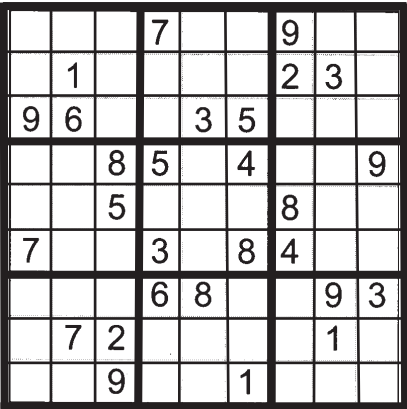
- 1 Kind of way
2 Fowl pox
3 Eager
4 Household
5 Kind of piano
6 Opera highlight
7 Fishing boat
8 Williams productions
9 Chair variety
10 Creator of Nana
11 Indigo
12 Booty
15 Two-time Pulitzer composer
21 ____ a kitten
22 Concubine center
25 "And so ____": Pepys
26 Sheepish?
27 English liquid measure
28 Twitch
29 Arabian chieftain
31 Mountain crest
32 More withered
33 Entertainers
36 Easy or Wall
38 Kind, in Paris
39 Banquo's son
40 ____ es Salaam
45 At all
46 George, of Hall of Fame
47 "____ fine lady on a white horse"
49 Related on the mother's side
51 Lasher author
52 Orchestral Kenton
53 Buddy on the range
54 Ancient wine flask
55 Employed
56 Tonsorial creation
57 Steinbeck character
58 Nautical chains

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MEDIUM



Fill in the grid so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 through 9. No number may be repeated in any row, column or box.

— see Answers on page 10

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Calistoga Fun

Calendar

OF CALISTOGA EVENTS

May 9 - May 17



♣ **Calistoga Garden Club:** Annual flower and plant sale. From 9 - 11:30 a.m. at the Community Center, 1307 Washington Street. Refreshments for sale also. Proceeds used for community improvement and beautification.

♣ **Calistoga Library Spring Book Sale:** Ends today with Bag Day – \$3 for a bag of books. 11 a.m. - 3 p.m., 1108 Myrtle Street. 942-4833.

11 SUNDAY

♣ **Tai Chi Easy:** No class today.

♣ **Mother's Day at Highlands Christian:** Mothers are a blessing. Join us this Mother's Day for a free rose for mom, or one for you to give her; a free photo portrait of mom and family to keep or send to family. Bring your mom to our 10:30 a.m. Sunday service to celebrate how special moms are to all of us. For more info: 942-5050.

13 TUESDAY

♣ **Friends of the Calistoga Library:** invite you to join us at our meeting, 2:30 p.m. at the library 1108 Myrtle Street. We would welcome new members.

♣ **Lengthen & Strengthen:** For adults at all fitness levels with instructor Karen Mann, local Hatha Yoga/Fitness instructor. Classes every Tuesday and Thursday at the Community Center, 1307 Washington Street, 10:30 a.m. - noon. Fee is \$5 a class, no registration needed, drop-ins welcome. Sponsored by the city's Recreation Services. Go to www.calistogarecreation.com

♣ **Sit & Spin:** The group meets Tuesdays from 3 - 5 p.m. at the Calistoga Roastery, 1426 Lincoln Avenue. We spin, knit, crochet, weave or stitch, so join us for an afternoon doing what you love. It's free; all are welcome. For more information contact Rose LeClerc at roze.leclerc@gmail.com.

♣ **Recreation Services Co-Ed Softball League:** Registration deadline for our summer softball

league is today. Get your teams finalized and sign up. Games are Tuesday/Thursday evenings May 20 - July 27, 6 - 9 p.m. \$450 per team. Call 942-2838 for more info.

14 WEDNESDAY

♣ **Soroptimist International Calistoga:** Weekly lunch meetings on Wednesdays from 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. at All Seasons Cafe, 1400 Lincoln Avenue. Visitors welcome. For more information contact Suzan Shaw at 942-6745 or email scoops47@aol.com

♣ **Volunteer Adult Literacy Tutor:** Would you like to help someone improve their reading and writing skills? Calistoga Library is having an orientation session from 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. if you are interested in this volunteer opportunity and learning about the program. Prior experience is not required. 1108 Myrtle Street. For additional information, call Robin Rafael, Literacy and Volunteer Services Supervisor, 707-253-4283.

♣ **Senior Therapeutic Services:** Individual therapy services provided by a Licensed Therapist each Wednesday from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. at the Family Center, 1705 Washington Street. To qualify you should have Medicare or Medicare and Medi-Cal. Contact Elena Mendez at 707-341-3185 for info.

♣ **Planning Commission:** On the second and fourth Wednesday of every month at 5:30 p.m. at the Community Center, 1307 Washington Street. For information, call the Planning Department at 942-2827.

15 THURSDAY

♣ **Lengthen & Strengthen:** Classes every Tuesday and Thursday at the Community Center, 10:30 - noon. Fee is \$5 a class, No registration needed, drop-ins welcome. See May 13 listing for more details.

♣ **Rotary Club:** Meetings every

Thursday in the Tucker Room of the Fairgrounds, 1435 N. Oak Street, noon - 1:30 p.m.

♣ **Art Explorers:** Kids explore a variety of mediums. Suggested ages 1 - 5. Children (and their adults) make art and meet new friends. Drop-in classes every Thursday with Molly and Marcy at the Calistoga Art Center, Fairgrounds Cropp Building, 1435 N. Oak Street, 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. Fee is \$10 a class, (or buy a punchcard for 6 classes for \$50). Join us any week you can. More info: www.CalistogaArtCenter.org or call 942-2278.

♣ **Lions Club:** Meetings the third Thursday of the month in the Tucker Room of the Fairgrounds, 1435 N. Oak Street, 6 - 10 p.m.

16 FRIDAY

♣ **County Medi-Cal Services:** Attention Seniors and Calistoga residents. A Medi-Cal eligibility worker will be in Calistoga every Friday from 1 - 5 p.m. to answer questions and help with applications. See May 9 listing for details.

17 SATURDAY

♣ **Hearts & Hands Preschool Annual Gala:** Our fundraiser is being held this year at the beautiful Casa Nuestra Winery, 3451 Silverado Trail, St. Helena, from 5 - 8:30 p.m. Local purveyors and restaurants are providing the food which will be paired with fine Napa Valley wines. There will be live dancing music and bidding on great auction prizes. We are honoring two strong supporters of early education, Chuck McMinn and Indira Lopez. Cost is \$55 if we receive reservations by May 9. Call 942-9353 or email info@heartshandhandskids.com for tickets and information.

♣ **Calistoga Farmers Market:** Open year 'round every Saturday morning in the Sharpsteen Museum Plaza, Washington Street. Hours from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. See May 10 listing for details.

May

9 FRIDAY

♣ **Calistoga Library Spring Book Sale:** Sale continues, noon - 6 p.m. 1108 Myrtle Street. 942-4833.

♣ **ConverSAYtions Series:** Mind-opening chats from 10 - 11:30 a.m. Led this week by Toni Allegra, professional coach and author. Share your ideas, stories and experiences with others. Today's topic: "Success in your life." Free. Drop in. Calistoga Community Center, 1307 Washington Street. More info: 942-2838.

♣ **Library Book Club:** This month discussing: *My Beloved World* by Sonia Sotomayor. The book is a memoir written by the first Hispanic justice on the United States Supreme Court, about her childhood, education, and life through 1992. Join the fun at the Calistoga Public Library the second Friday of each month., 1108 Myrtle Street, at 11 a.m. Meetings are free, and open to all. Call library associate Shelly at 942-4833 or email her at shelly.euser@countyofnapa.org for information.

♣ **County Medi-Cal Services:** Seniors and Calistoga residents: Do you have questions regarding Medi-Cal or Food Stamps? Do you need help filling out an application. A Medi-Cal eligibility worker will be in Calistoga at the Family Center, 1705 Washington Street, every Friday from 1 - 5 p.m. to help with questions or applications. Info or appointments call Elena Mendez at 707-341-3185.

♣ **Sharpsteen New Exhibit Opening Reception:** Join us for a celebration of our new exhibit, "Dolls and Their Stories," from 5:30 - 7 p.m. at the Museum, 1311 Washington Street. This collection of dolls and books dates from the 1800s to the 1950s.

10 SATURDAY

♣ **Letter Carriers Food Drive:** Please put your non-perishable food donations in a bag by your mailbox. Your mail person will collect the bags and the donated foods will be delivered to our local food banks. This is part of the National Association of Letter Carriers Annual Food Drive to "Stamp Out Hunger."

♣ **Calistoga Farmers Market:** Open year 'round, every Saturday morning, in the Sharpsteen Museum Plaza, Washington Street. Hours 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Locally grown seasonal produce; cut flowers and nursery grown plants; gourmet and pre-packaged foods; fresh seafood; breakfast treats and fruit pies, as well as gift items. Live music.

♣ **Aqua Zumba®:** Party yourself into shape! The class meets at the Calistoga Community Pool, Logvy Park, 8:30 - 9:30 am. Fee is \$5 a class; \$4 for seniors. No registration needed, drop-ins welcome

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Amendments to Calistoga Municipal Code Chapter 17.02, Administrative Provisions, to add procedures for appeals to the Planning Commission, and to move provisions related to the zoning map, zoning districts and zoning regulations to a new Chapter 17.03, Zoning (ZOA 2014-2)

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BY ORDER OF THE CITY OF CALISTOGA COUNCIL
Kathy Flamson, Deputy City Clerk
May 9, 2014

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Public Notices

PUBLIC NOTICE FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2014-0000467

The following person(s): Sonoma Wine Company, LLC, 9119 Graton Rd., Graton, CA 95444, State: CA is (are) doing business as: Lunatic Wines, 205-A Jim Oswalt Way, American Canyon, CA 94503, County of Napa.

This business is conducted by: Limited Liability Company. Registrant commenced to conduct business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: N/A. Statement expires on: 3/28/2019. Signed: Robin Nehasil, LLC Manager

I hereby certify that this copy is a correct copy of the original statement on file in my office. DATED: March 28, 2014 John Tuteur, Napa County Clerk-Recorder By: L. Rodriguez, Deputy Clerk-Recorder Pub. 4/18, 4/25, 5/2, 5/9

PUBLIC NOTICE FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2014-0000541

The following person(s): Palisades Wine Company, LLC, 3130 Old Lawley Toll Rd., Calistoga, CA 94515, State: CA is (are) doing business as: Corvaille, 3130 Old Lawley Toll Rd., Calistoga, CA 94515, County of Napa.

This business is conducted by: Limited Liability Company. Registrant commenced to conduct business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on:

N/A. Statement expires on: 4/8/2019.

Signed: Robert Shepard, Managing Member I hereby certify that this copy is a correct copy of the original statement on file in my office. DATED: April 8, 2014 John Tuteur, Napa County Clerk-Recorder By: S. Wright, Deputy Clerk-Recorder Pub. 4/18, 4/25, 5/2, 5/9

PUBLIC NOTICE FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2014-0000556

Original FBN No. 2009-0000472 The following person(s): Reid, Matthew, 1311 Pine Street, Calistoga, CA 94515 and Webb, Martha, 1311 Pine Street, Calistoga, CA 94515 is (are) doing business as: People's Wine Revolution, PWR Consulting, PWR Wines, 1311 Pine Street, Calistoga, CA 94515, County of Napa.

This business is conducted by: A Married Couple. Registrant commenced to conduct business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: 6/1/2009. Statement expires on: 4/10/2019. Signed: Matthew Reid/Martha Webb I hereby certify that this copy is a correct copy of the original statement on file in my office. DATED: April 10, 2014 John Tuteur, Napa County Clerk-Recorder By: S. Wright, Deputy Clerk-Recorder Pub. 4/18, 4/25, 5/2, 5/9

PUBLIC NOTICE FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2014-0000542

The following person(s): Hunnicutt Wine Company, LLC, 3524 Silverado Trail, Saint Helena, CA 94574, State: CA is (are) doing business as: Adler Deutsch Vineyard, 3524 Silverado Trail, Saint Helena, CA 94574, County of Napa.

This business is conducted by: Limited Liability Company. Registrant commenced to conduct business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: N/A. Statement expires on: 4/8/2019. Signed: Justin H. Stephens, Managing Member I hereby certify that this copy is a correct copy of the original statement on file in my office. DATED: April 8, 2014 John Tuteur, Napa County Clerk-Recorder By: S. Wright, Deputy Clerk-Recorder Pub. 4/18, 4/25, 5/2, 5/9

PUBLIC NOTICE FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2014-0000545

The following person(s): Merryvale Vineyards LLC, 1451 Stanly Lane, Napa, CA 94559, State: CA is (are) doing business as: VASO, 1451 Stanly Lane, Napa, CA 94559, County of Napa.

This business is conducted by: Limited Liability Company. Registrant commenced to conduct business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on:

N/A. Statement expires on: 4/8/2019.

Signed: Glenn Ochsner, CFO I hereby certify that this copy is a correct copy of the original statement on file in my office. DATED: April 8, 2014 John Tuteur, Napa County Clerk-Recorder By: S. Wright, Deputy Clerk-Recorder Pub. 4/18, 4/25, 5/2, 5/9

PUBLIC NOTICE FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2014-0000570

The following person(s): Woods, Michael, 1457 Lincoln Ave., Calistoga, CA 94515 and Woods, Stephanie, 1457 Lincoln Ave., Calistoga, CA 94515, State: CA is (are) doing business as: Mount View Hotel, Mount View Hotel & Spa, Mount View Hotel and Spa, Mount View Spa, 1457 Lincoln Ave., Calistoga, CA 94515, County of Napa.

This business is conducted by: General Partnership. Registrant commenced to conduct business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: 1/1/2009. Statement expires on: 4/11/2019. Signed: Michael Woods I hereby certify that this copy is a correct copy of the original statement on file in my office. DATED: April 11, 2014 John Tuteur, Napa County Clerk-Recorder By: S. Wright, Deputy Clerk-Recorder Pub. 4/18, 4/25, 5/2, 5/9

PUBLIC NOTICE FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2014-0000603

The following person(s): Madrigal Vineyard Management, LLC, 3720 N. St. Helena Hwy, Calistoga, CA 94515, State: CA is (are) doing business as: Madrigal Vineyard Management, Madrigal Vineyard Management, LLC, 3720 N. St. Helena Hwy, Calistoga, CA 94515, County of Napa.

This business is conducted by: Limited Liability Company. Registrant commenced to conduct business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: N/A. Statement expires on: 4/17/2019. Signed: Jesus Madrigal, Manager I hereby certify that this copy is a correct copy of the original statement on file in my office. DATED: April 17, 2014 John Tuteur, Napa County Clerk-Recorder By: L. Rodriguez, Deputy Clerk-Recorder Pub. 4/25, 5/2, 5/9, 5/16

PUBLIC NOTICE FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2014-0000507

The following person(s): Pope, Kevin, 801 Laguna St., Napa, CA 94558 is (are) doing business as: California Independent Gemo-logical Laboratory, 801 Laguna St., Napa, CA 94558, County of Napa. This business is conducted by: Individual. Registrant commenced to conduct business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: N/A. Statement

expires on: 4/3/2019.

Signed: Kevin Pope I hereby certify that this copy is a correct copy of the original statement on file in my office. DATED: April 3, 2014 John Tuteur, Napa County Clerk-Recorder By: S. Wright, Deputy Clerk-Recorder Pub. 4/25, 5/2, 5/9, 5/16

PUBLIC NOTICE FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2014-0000595

The following person(s): Free Flow Wines, LLC, 2557 Napa Valley Corporate Dr., Ste. A, Napa, CA 94559, State: CA is (are) doing business as: Bernadone Family Winery, Carne Humana, Leveck Co., St. Francis Winery, St. Francis Winery and Vineyards, Wild Oak, 2557 Napa Valley Corporate Dr., Ste. A, Napa, CA 94559, County of Napa.

This business is conducted by: Limited Liability Company. Registrant commenced to conduct business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: 7/1/2013. Statement expires on: 4/16/2019. Signed: Jordan Kivelstadt, Manager I hereby certify that this copy is a correct copy of the original statement on file in my office. DATED: April 16, 2014 John Tuteur, Napa County Clerk-Recorder By: L. Rodriguez, Deputy Clerk-Recorder Pub. 4/25, 5/2, 5/9, 5/16

Sign-up now for summer softball league

Registration deadlines for the summer activities are approaching reminds city rec director Olivia Lemen.

- Co-ed Softball League sign-up deadline is Tuesday, May 13

League games stretch from May

20 through July 27, cost is \$450 per team.

- A day trip to watch the SF Giants play the Washington Nats is set for Thursday, June 12. Cost is \$40. Go to www.calistogarecreation.com for sign-up info.

Calistoga Sports

‘Cats crush Potter Valley, 24-0
Butcher tosses a no-hitter, now on prowl for league championship

By Gene Duffy, Jr.
Tribune Sports Correspondent

The only thing hotter than the afternoon sun in Potter Valley last Thursday was sophomore pitcher Hailey Butcher.

In what might have been her career-best outing, the crafty Butcher faced only 17 batters in the shortened 5-inning contest, allowing one walk, and one error while mowing down nine Bearcats in Calistoga’s 24-0 win at Potter Valley.

Eighteen Wildcats batted in the first inning, producing 13 runs highlighted by Katelyn Butcher’s “round tripper,” her first of the year. The Cats tallied five more in the second and five more in the fourth inning, then rounded it out in the fifth with their final score.

Calistoga’s “Wrecking Crew” had a field day with 33 hits. Katelyn Butcher was a perfect 4 x 4 at the plate, Jenna Franquelin stroked out four hits as did Gianna Pochini. Joyce Aquino, Krystal Castillo, Lily Waggoner, and Lexi Monhoff all had three hits apiece.

Ugly win against Cougars

In what you call an “ugly win”, the Wildcats came out on top, 6-3 against the Upper Lake Cougars. The win was the ‘Cats sixth in a row, keeping them in the hunt for the NCLII championship, a game behind league leaders St. Vincent.



PHOTO BY GENE DUFFY, JR.

Joyce Aquino, No. 31, is caught stealing and called out in Tuesday’s 6-3 win against the Upper Lake Cougars.

It must have been “Prom Hang-over” as the Cats seemed flat and unenthusiastic in the Monday contest. ‘Cats pitcher Hailey Butcher had an up and down day, giving up only one hit, striking out 9, but walking 12 batters which kept the Cougars within striking distance.

Joyce Aquino and Jasmin Pochini led the ‘Cat attack with two hits apiece.

The Wildcats will lock horns against St. Vincent for the league championship on Monday. St. Vincent has been pretty much

untouchable this year with a 9-0 record featuring nine league shut-outs. No team has been able to crack into the scoring column against the Mustangs this year.

The Cats dropped a 10-0 decision to the Petaluma squad earlier in the month for their only league blemish. A Calistoga win would give the ‘Cats a share of the league championship.

First pitch is 4 p.m., so show up, support your ‘Cats, and let’s bring home that banner for our new gym!



Since water is a limited resource and it is important to each of us every day, water conservation is essential. Follow these water saving tips in the home and help Calistoga conserve water every day:

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PUBLIC NOTICE FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 2014-0000544

The following person(s): Free Flow Wines, LLC, 2557 Napa Valley Corporate Dr., Ste. A, Napa, CA 94559, State: CA is (are) doing business as: A to Z Wineworks, J. Lohr Winery, Onehope Wine, 2557 Napa Valley Corporate Dr., Ste. A, Napa, CA 94559, County of Napa.

This business is conducted by: Limited Liability Company. Registrant commenced to conduct business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: 7/1/2013. Statement expires on: 4/8/2019.

Signed: Jordan Kivelstadt, Manager

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DATED: April 8, 2014

John Tuteur, Napa County Clerk-Recorder
By: L. Rodriguez, Deputy Clerk-Recorder
Pub. 4/25, 5/2, 5/9, 5/16

PUBLIC NOTICE FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 2014-0000591

The following person(s): David James LLC, 2125 Inglewood Ave., St. Helena, CA 94575, State: CA is (are) doing business as: Sinegal Estate, 2125 Inglewood Ave., St. Helena, CA 94575, County of Napa.

This business is conducted by: Limited Liability Company. Registrant commenced to conduct business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: N/A. Statement expires on: 4/16/2019.

Signed: David Sinegal, Managing Member

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DATED: April 16, 2014

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By: L. Rodriguez, Deputy Clerk-Recorder
Pub. 4/25, 5/2, 5/9, 5/16

PUBLIC NOTICE FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 2014-0000585

The following person(s): Christopher Tynan Wines, LLC, 1473 Yountville Cross Roads, Yountville, CA 94599, State: CA is (are) doing business as: Christopher Tynan Wines, 1473 Yountville Cross Roads, Yountville, CA 94599, County of Napa.

This business is conducted by: Limited Liability Company. Registrant commenced to conduct business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: N/A. Statement expires on: 4/15/2019.

Signed: Christopher Tynan, Managing Member

I hereby certify that this copy is a correct

copy of the original statement on file in my office.

DATED: April 15, 2014

John Tuteur, Napa County Clerk-Recorder
By: I. Rodriguez, Deputy Clerk-Recorder
Pub. 5/2, 5/9, 5/16, 5/23

PUBLIC NOTICE FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 2014-0000596

The following person(s): Caldwell, Rachel, 107 Parkview Lane, Napa, CA 94558 is (are) doing business as: Bronze Bombshells, 107 Parkview Lane, Napa, CA 94558, County of Napa.

This business is conducted by: Individual. Registrant commenced to conduct business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: N/A. Statement expires on: 4/16/2019.

Signed: Rachel Caldwell

I hereby certify that this copy is a correct copy of the original statement on file in my office.

DATED: April 16, 2014

John Tuteur, Napa County Clerk-Recorder
By: L. Rodriguez, Deputy Clerk-Recorder
Pub. 5/2, 5/9, 5/16, 5/23

PUBLIC NOTICE FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 2014-0000637

The following person(s): Alfaro Avina, Daniel, 1427 Lake St., Calistoga, CA 94515 is (are) doing business as: Alfaro's Vineyard Management, 1427 Lake St., Calistoga, CA 94515, County of Napa.

This business is conducted by: Individual. Registrant commenced to conduct business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: N/A. Statement expires on: 4/23/2019.

Signed: Daniel Alfaro Avina

I hereby certify that this copy is a correct copy of the original statement on file in my office.

DATED: April 23, 2014

John Tuteur, Napa County Clerk-Recorder
By: D. Paredes, Deputy Clerk-Recorder
Pub. 5/9, 5/16, 5/23, 5/30

PUBLIC NOTICE FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 2014-0000643

The following person(s): Hendry, George O., 3104 Redwood Rd., Napa, CA 94558 is (are) doing business as: McKana Cellars, 3104 Redwood Rd., Napa, CA 94558, County of Napa.

This business is conducted by: Individual. Registrant commenced to conduct business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: N/A. Statement

expires on: 4/24/2019.

Signed: George O. Hendry

I hereby certify that this copy is a correct copy of the original statement on file in my office.

DATED: April 24 2014

John Tuteur, Napa County Clerk-Recorder
By: D. Paredes, Deputy Clerk-Recorder
Pub. 5/9, 5/16, 5/23, 5/30

PUBLIC NOTICE FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 2014-0000666

The following person(s): Free Flow Wines, LLC, 2557 Napa Valley Corporate Dr., Ste. A, Napa, CA 94558, State: CA is (are) doing business as: Elouan, Hall Wines, Whiplash, 2557 Napa Valley Corporate Dr., Ste. A, Napa, CA 94558, County of Napa. This business is conducted by: Limited Liability Company. Registrant commenced to conduct business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: 7/1/2013. Statement expires on: 4/28/2019.

Signed: Jordan Kivelstadt, Manager

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DATED: April 28, 2014

John Tuteur, Napa County Clerk-Recorder
By: D. Paredes, Deputy Clerk-Recorder
Pub. 5/9, 5/16, 5/23, 5/30

PUBLIC NOTICE FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 2014-0000675

The following person(s): Jones-Marino, Joel, 3238 Ehlers Ln., St. Helena, CA 94574 is (are) doing business as: Jomar Design, 3238 Ehlers Ln., St. Helena, CA 94574, County of Napa.

This business is conducted by: Individual. Registrant commenced to conduct business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: 4/28/2014. Statement expires on: 4/29/2019.

Signed: Joel Jones-Marino

I hereby certify that this copy is a correct copy of the original statement on file in my office.

DATED: April 29, 2014

John Tuteur, Napa County Clerk-Recorder
By: D. Paredes, Deputy Clerk-Recorder
Pub. 5/9, 5/16, 5/23, 5/30

PUBLIC NOTICE FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 2014-0000684

The following person(s): Cabaud Wines, LLC, 5614 Cedar Creek Dr., Houston, TX 77056, State: CA is (are) doing business as: Cabaud Wines, 425 Gateway Rd. West, Napa, CA 94558, County of Napa.

This business is conducted by: Limited Liability Company. Registrant commenced to conduct business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: N/A. Statement expires on: 5/1/2019.

Signed: Bozena Cabaud, Owner

I hereby certify that this copy is a correct copy of the original statement on file in my office.

DATED: May 1, 2014

John Tuteur, Napa County Clerk-Recorder
By: D. Paredes, Deputy Clerk-Recorder
Pub. 5/9, 5/16, 5/23, 5/30

LEGAL NOTICES

On July 12, 2005 by order of Superior Court Judge Scott W. Snowden, the Calistoga Tribune was declared a newspaper of general circulation by Judge’s order No. 26-29449.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
BY THE CALISTOGA
CITY COUNCIL

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN by the City Council of the City of Calistoga that a **PUBLIC HEARING** will be conducted on **Tuesday, May 20, 2014**, at or after 7:00 p.m. in the Calistoga Community Center, 1307 Washington Street, City of Calistoga, California, at which time and place testimony will be considered on the following matter:

Amendments to Chapter 1.20, Appeals, to amend Section 1.20.030(C) to delete the City Council’s ability of summarily deny an appeal without a public hearing, clarify the appeal process, and delete extraneous provisions (MCA 2014-1)

The potential environmental impacts of these amendments are exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) under Section 15061(b)(3) of the CEQA Guidelines; therefore, no further assessment is required under CEQA

Beginning Friday, May 16, 2014, no later than 5 p.m., the staff report report for this item will be available online at www.ci.calistoga.ca.us by clicking the City Council meeting on the City Calendar, and at the City Administrative offices located at 1232 Washington Street. For additional information, please contact the City Clerk’s office at 707.942.2805.

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BY ORDER OF THE CITY OF CALISTOGA COUNCIL
Kathy Flamson, Deputy City Clerk
May 9, 2014

Sports

WILDCAT HOME GAME SCHEDULE

Absolutely subject to weather, grades, missed buses, cancellations, scheduling, and change of mind, etc.

Tuesday, May 13 Softball team hosts St. Vincent at Wildcats diamond, 4 p.m.
Thursday, May 15 Softball team hosts Rincon Valley, 4 p.m. at the Wildcats field



Swimmers collect 15 PB times in last meet

The high school swim team competed in its last meet of the 2014 season last week, and although there was not a single win against Sonoma for either the boys or girls, the meet did produce 15 personal best times for some of the Wildcat swimmers.

“Considering this is the tail end of the season and kids are continuing to post faster times each week since January, it really shows the level of commitment they have devoted giving to this sport,” said coach Marianne Clayton-Cushing.

Logan Bounsall posted a 25.43 in the 50 Freestyle; his first time under 26 seconds.

The 200 Free Relay team of Ethan Ahuja, Dario DiGiulio, Devin Fernandez, and Austin Moore set a school personal best of 1:49.55.

Sean Cornell had “quite an impressive meet” finishing the 200 Individual Medley in a personal best of 2:33.47 and he swam the 500 Freestyle for the first time.

When asked why he chose this meet to swim the 500 he responded, “Because Hannah is the only person to have ever done that event and today is the last time she will ever get to swim it so I would like to swim it with her since the guys and girls swim at the same time.”

Sean ended up placing second overall out of six swimmers.

During the meet coaches recognized the seniors who will be headed off to college in the fall. Each senior received a gift certificate from Calistoga Roastery: Logan Bounsall, Sean Cornell, Dario DiGiulio, Devin Fernandez, Sonja Galetti, Hannah King, Tiffany Lopez, Claire Maxfield, Austin Moore, Brandon Rayon, and Mckenzie Thomas.

The swimmers will all be traveling to Santa Rosa today to compete in the Sonoma County League Swim and Dive Championships which started yesterday.

Each of the Calistoga swimmers will compete in at least 1-2 individual events and 1-2 relay events against 12 other regional high school swim teams.



Hannah King (top) finishes her high school swimming career with a personal best in the 500 freestyle. Sean Cornell (below) swims the butterfly during his 200 IM event.



PHOTOS BY YVONNE HENRY

Baseball team loses 12-1 to So Academy

By Terry Ponsford
Tribune Sports Correspondent

The Calistoga Wildcats roared out of the starting gate in their home game against Sonoma Academy on Tuesday, getting three hits and scoring one run in their half of the first inning.

Three hits in the first inning was more than they had in total in some of their earlier games. Unfortunately, they were already behind by three runs before they got to bat and the good news did not last.

While they did get a few more hits, threw out an attempted base stealer and turned a double play, they failed to score any more runs, losing in five innings, 12-1, when the Mercy Rule (game called when at least 5 innings have been played and one team leads by at least 10 runs) was applied. While these kids are not the best baseball players, they continue to have spirit and fun playing. Their final home game is Thursday, May 15 against St. Vincent de Paul of Petaluma at 4 p.m. at the high school.

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